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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

OPERATIONS BOARD

TRANSCRIPT

PRESENT: [] Acting Chrm. Lt. Col. George Eckert 50X1
Mr. Leroy Stolle Major William Barger 50X1
LCdr. P. J. Brunette []
Mr. Theodore Tate []
[] LCdr. John Clarke 50X1

ITEM 1 - Approval of minutes of Ops Bd Mtg of 5 Sept 62

[] asked if there were any comments in regard to the minutes of the last meeting. 50X1

He then noted re JN-57-62, para 3 of the minutes, the project has been completed and will be ready for reproduction the end of this week or first of next week.

The minutes were approved as issued.

ITEM 4 - New projects and proposed staffing for consideration:

[] asked if there were any questions on the new projects and proposed staffing. 50X1

Mr. Tate noted that Leroy Smith has replaced Mr. Keil on JN 215-62.

[] noted that [] has been added to project JN 215-62. 50X1

[] noted that Benes should be spelled Banes on JN 215-62. 50X1

Mr. Tate asked what the status of this project is. 50X1

[] said there will be no written release on this facility. He asked LCdr. Clarke for the Service instructions on this project.

LCdr. Clarke said he received instructions some time ago and does not know if they have been changed. The last he heard, there was to be no written release.

Mr. Tate noted that some individuals have asked if they can come into the Center to look over the shoulders of our workers on this project. He wanted to know if there were any objections to this.

[] said that if the personnel who come in can help the team, 50X1 it will be alright for them to do so.

Col. Eckert noted the Services are required to keep a list of persons who have the info on the above mentioned project.

Mr. Tate asked if briefing enlargements were released on this area.

[] said a board was released to DIA and authorized to be re- 50X1 leased to each of the Services. Since the film has been disseminated to all commands, there was no freeze on this release.

A discussion ensued on the "freeze" on this material.

[] explained that the information cannot be released except 50X1 on Banes only.

LCdr. Clarke said he will check to see to whom the info was disseminated from DIA.

[] said if he gets the message in here from DIA he will make 50X1 it known to the Service representatives here.

LCdr. Clarke if the detailed project has been assigned a national project number, and Mr. Scheufele noted that JN 215-62 is the project he is speaking of.

[] asked if JN 214-62 should be ~~1/2~~ included in the agenda as the 50X1 SitSum on 3089.

[] agreed. 50X1

[] has received a request from DIA that the DIA Liaison Officer at NPIC be made a member of the Secretariat. He agrees that the DIA Rep. should be a member of the Secretariat in the same manner as is the NSA Rep.

Col. Eckert asked the purpose of the Secretariat.

[] said the Secretariat considers whether the projects 50X1
coming into the Center should be recommended as National or Departmental
projects.

[] noted that the Secretariat checks for duplications, etc. He 50X1
invited Colonel Eckert to attend the next Secretariat meeting.

ITEMS 2 & 3 - Old and New Business

[] called to the attention of the Board a pre-release which was 50X1
signed off by Lt. Col. Eckert. He questioned why the Army S^IO signed off on
this release to the CIA requester.

[] noted that the Army chaired this particular project. 50X1

[] said that CIA should have followed through getting the 50X1
sign off of all the SIOs and the Ops Officer.

[] explained that in response to the requirement in the require- 50X1
ment the Army released this pre-release.

[] believes it is important that all SIOs agree to the 50X1
release of the material.

[] believes the proper procedure would be for the OD/NPIC to 50X1
release this to the requester in a case like this.

[] said this procedure has not been used. 50X1

A discussion ensued on who is authorized to sign off on pre-releases.

[] believes a partial answer to a project (preliminary version) 50X1
should go out through the same channels as is a pre-release, i.e. through the
SIOs and the Ops Officer. He noted that if CIA requester asks for a pre-
release, the CIA detachment should have the responsibility of getting this 50X1
pre-released, but through proper channels. [] said he would prepare
a new procedure for handling such items asap.

Mr. Tate said that the Air Force has chairmanship of JN 305-61, and there is in house a statistical report which may contain sufficient material to complete JN 305-61. He asked if AF could review this report.

LCdr. Brunette said that Navy had received their copy of this report.

Col. Eckert said that Army has also received a copy.

[] said as soon as he has word that JN 305-61 is completed he^{50X1} will get together with Col. Parker to see that JN 306-61 is worked.

Mr. Tate has a request from AFIC for a copy of the material on 3088. He asked what he should do to initiate this.

[] said a request form LC4 should be submitted to Chairman,^{50X1} COMOR.

Mr. Tate asked when the plot will be available on 3088. AFIC would also like a copy of the plot.

[] will look into this.^{50X1}

[] asked if there is a standard priority in TID for plotting^{50X1} material.

[] said TID tries to stay ahead of the MCI production so that^{50X1} plots will be available for MCI purposes. If the MCI is delayed on a mission often the plotting is likewise delayed.

LCdr. Brunette noted that some of the BW/CW information that goes into the ~~SIC~~ SIC reports comes through for sign off, but the black book material does not. Asked why two separate procedures are being used.^{50X1}

[] said that the black book is released on an item basis instead of a package deal as is the SIC report. It would delay the black book to have each item signed off on; this procedure has been agreed upon.

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Col. Eckert noted that 9038 will be completed this week, and wants to know what will be worked next. 50X1

[] said he will recommend Friday to the ADCOM that the present system of passes is not adequate. He believes we should go back to the former method of doing them as they come in chronologically. He doubts that there will be many more missions ~~before~~ between now and the end of the year, so hopes to have the MCIs completed on all these missions by the end of the year.

Mr. Tate asked if there would be any merit to working 9044 first since the latest information would be included in this report.

[] noted that this would create a problem in referencing material in the MCIs if they were not in chronological order. 50X1

LCdr. Brunette believes the user gets more out of readout if it is done in chronological readout.

Mr. Tate believes the Community would be better off in getting the later information.

[] said more people will be working on the MCIs now which will expedite their completion. 50X1

Col. Eckert asked when we are scheduled to move to [] 50X1

[] does not know for sure, but the move should be toward the end of the year. The move will be phased by sections and divisions. 50X1

Mr. Tate was informed by [] that a new site has been discovered in China. 50X1

[] asked that the info be sent to him asap so he can send a message to the Community. 50X1

The meeting adjourned at 1440.

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